Implementation of new education policy

2073. SHRI N. E. BALA RAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Secretary of his Ministry has gone abroad since the adoption of the new educational policy; and

(b) how these visits would affect the implementation of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Education Secretary was deputed abroad three times during the period to attend international meetings. Out of these three meetings, two were sponsored and funded by UNESCO and the third meeting was convened by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (Geneva—a specialised agency of the UN.

(b) These were important international meetings where representation of India at the level of Secretary was considered necessary. The Secretary's visits have a bearing on the objective of strengthening education's role for international cooperation and peaceful co-existence, as enunciated in the National Policy on Education, 1986.

Vacancy of Director (Languages) in the Ministry

2074. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the time since when the post of Director (Languages) in the Ministry has been lying vacant and what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when the appointment of an officer to the post would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The post of Deputy Secretary/Director in the Languages Division of the Department of Education fell vacant in May, 1986. An IAS officer was selected for this post but his appointment could not materialise due to some administrative reasons.

(b) This post is likely to be filled up soon.

Central Port Authorities

2075. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Central Port Authority and Ports' Development Fund to streamline the functioning of various ports in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals are under examination by the Major Ports Reforms Committee. Details will be finalised on receipt of the report of the Committee.

Seting up of a Committee for Airport

2076. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a committee to examine the question of construction of new airports and improvements of existing airports in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under the consideration of Government.

Action against Sudarshan Sanskrit Vidyalaya

2077. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India asked the Government of Kerala to take prompt action against the Headmaster and the Management of Sudarshan Sanskrit Vidyalaya who had opposed the singing of National Anthem; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of the action taken by the Government of Kerala and the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Government of India called for a report from the Government of Kerala regarding the stopping of the singing of National Anthem in Sudarshan Sanskrit Vidyalaya, Plazi.

(b) The State Government informed that since the singing of National Anthem was compulsory in all schools in the State, the Government had directed the institution to resume its singing. The Ministry was informed by the institution that it had resumed the singing of the National Anthem.

Dumping of Dangerous Drugs by Multinational Drug Companies

2087. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to prevent multi-national drug companies from dumping of dangerous untested drugs in the Indian market with a view to test the efficacy or otherwise of the drugs;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of lists of such drugs prepared by Government which have either been banned in other countries or have not been finally approved by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act no new drug can be introduced in the country and nor clinical testing with a new drug allowed unless it has the prior approval of the Drugs Controller (India). The technical literature on the new drug is examined by the Drugs Controller (India) in consultation with the medical experts to decide whether the drug should be permitted to be marketed on the basis of the available data or should be subjected to further clinical trials in the country. Under no circumstances a drug is allowed to be tried clinically in the country unless it has been approved for the same in the countries abroad/marketed in some other countries.

(c) Information regarding the reported side-effects of drugs and action taken by Government to withdraw drugs from the market is received by the Ministry of Health and Family